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YANK OBSERVERS
FIND IDEAL WAY
TO HELP GUNNERS

Just Get Behind German
Lines and 'Phone Your
Corrections

PLAN AIDS TOWN'S FALL

Signal Sergeant and Six Dough-
boys Discover That It Can
Work Once, Anyway

There are many ways of making artillery observations, but the best, if you will take the word of the artillery commander of an American unit for it, is to have your observers staked out a kilometer or two within the Boche lines with direct telephonic communication to American headquarters.

One drawback to the scheme is that it cannot always be worked. But it was worked once with pronounced success during the vicissitudes of fighting which American troops, treading the heels of an enemy rear guard, have undergone during the last few weeks.

Six infantrymen—a corporal and five privates who, after it was all over, disappeared into the anonymity from whence they came—Signal Sergeant Clifton G. Gosch were the principal participants in the affair, and this is the story.

Telephone Set Up in Cellar
Sergeant Gosch, detailed by the major of an attacking battalion to put a telephone in a town about to be taken by the Americans, obtained the detail of the six infantrymen to assist him. When the battalion charged and took the town, the sergeant and his detail followed closely, laying their wire and finally installing the telephone in the cellar of a three story building only slightly damaged by shell fire.

After the 'phone was connected up and he had called regimental headquarters to test it, he went out to report the completion of the task to the major. He walked down the street, rounded a corner, dodged a couple of shells and ran into an American detachment which informed him that Fritz was counter-attacking and the order was to withdraw temporarily.

He withdrew, and after he had gained the security of the American line he thought himself of his detail of the six doughboys in the cellar. He went to the P.C. and rung the bell of his new 'phone. Came a prompt answer from the corporal.

"What division is holding your town?" asked the sergeant.

"The American," said the corporal. "Like hell they are," said Sergeant Gosch, breaking it gently. "The German division is holding the town."

There was a gasp from the corporal and then a long pause. The corporal had gone up to have a look.

"That's right," finally came the reply. "The street is full of Boches."

"You sit tight," advised the sergeant. "We're going to attack again this afternoon—and stay in the cellar, because we're going to put over a barrage."

The barrage, in preparation for the American second attack, came in due time. In the midst of it the telephone in the regimental P.C. buzzed. It was the isolated post in the German-held town. The corporal was speaking.

"Say," he said, "this barrage isn't killing as many Germans as it might."

The colonel got on the 'phone. "Till connect you with the Artillery and you tell them where to shoot," he ordered.

The connection was made, and from then on the squad of doughboys directed the Yankee artillery fire in all the area within sight of the top of the building they were in. They formed a line from the roof and relayed the directions down to the cellar, where the information was repeated over the telephone. Buildings upon which the Germans had placed machine guns were showered with shell and destroyed. Barricades in the streets were deluged with shrapnel, and a battery of field pieces firing from the far edge of the town was silenced.

And then the doughboys came up and retook the town.

SAILORS' PAPER
AIDS ORPHAN PLAN

Pilot Devotes Proceeds to
Adoption of French
War Waifs

EIGHT TAKEN, TOTAL 488

Lieutenant Heads List by Sending
1,000 Francs for Boy
and Girl

TAKEN THIS WEEK	
Co. F, Engrs.	1
Lieut. A. N. Peck, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2
Miss L. F. Tucker, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1
Battery C, Artillery	1
Co. D, Engrs.	1
Illeg. Sect. Co. H, Inf.	1
Paris Detach. Air Service	1
Previously adopted	480
Total	488

The cause of the French war orphans, as espoused by THE STARS AND STRIPES, has found worthy support in two centers of A.E.F. soldier and sailor journalism.

The Radiator, weekly publication of the American Ambulance Service, has seconded the orphan adoption scheme in an editorial printed over the signature of the commanding officer of the service and in an appeal for aid, and down on the sea coast, where the naval aviators have gathered enough francs to insure 15 homeless and fatherless children care and comfort for a year, a unique paper has been issued inspired by and dedicated to the heroic children of France.

The Pilot is the name of the journal of the sailor-orphans. The first issue was printed on letter sized paper with a duplicator, the text being first cut on a typewriter, and the illustrations drawn on mimeograph sheets. From its initial issue, the Pilot has done a lot toward furthering the cause to which it is dedicated. It has proved an efficient franc-getter.

Proceeds for Orphans
The proceeds from the sale of the paper goes to the orphans. The first copy of the first issue was bought by a flying quartermaster who paid 20 francs for it, and the remaining copies of the issue brought five francs each, the total receipts being sufficient to swell the size of the Air Station's orphan family by half a dozen members.

There was much work and tribulation in getting the first issue of the Pilot off the duplicator, principally over illustrations, but a carpenter's mate, third class (there seem to be many classes of mates in the Navy) then there are of privates in the Army), who used to be a sign painter solved the mystery of wax sheet engraving and finally produced not only a cover design, but numerous decorations and three cartoons, the leading one, entitled, "The Sailor Father" portraying a sailor personally fathering three children.

"The worthy cause of the French orphan fund was the inspiration of the Pilot," reads the editorial announcement. "That alone, we feel, should insure it not only a warm reception, but the hearty co-operation of all hands to push the project to its fullest possibilities."

The actual adoption of orphans suffered a lull this week. There were only eight additions to the A.E.F. family, and the total stopped a dozen short of the 500 mark.

Lieut. A. N. Peck was the star adopter of the week, sending 1,000 francs for the personal adoption of a little boy and girl. The rest were contributions from different branches of the service.

HOW TO ADOPT AN ORPHAN
A company, detachment, or group of the A.E.F. agrees to adopt a child for a year, contributing 500 francs (\$87.72) for its support. The children will be either orphans, the children of French soldiers so seriously crippled that they cannot work, or refugees from the invaded districts, as specified by the adopting units.

The money will be sent to THE STARS AND STRIPES to be turned over to a special committee of the American Red Cross for disbursement. At least 250 francs will be paid upon adoption and the remainder within four months thereafter.

Photographs and the history of each child will be sent to its adoptive unit, which will be notified of the child's whereabouts and advised monthly of its progress. The Red Cross will determine the disposal of the child. It will be maintained in a French family or sent to a trade or agricultural school.

No restrictions are placed upon the methods by which money may be raised. Donations and communications regarding the children should be addressed: War Orphans' Department, THE STARS AND STRIPES, G2, A.E.F., 1 Rue des Italiens, Paris, France.

SENATOR JAMES DIES
[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
AMERICA, Sept. 5.—Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, frequently mentioned as a Democratic presidential possibility, has died in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

TALK OF BILLIONS
IS STRAINING MINDS

Even Correspondents Are
Floundering in Seas of
Figures on Tax Bill

NATION BACKS UP MEASURE

War Business, War Profits, War
Incomes Scheduled to Carry
Load of Money Raising

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

AMERICA, Sept. 5.—Many bright intellects were almost busted trying to read last week's daily shifting news on the big Revenue Bill. The whole thing got beyond the correspondents and they helplessly set up daily tables of intricate percentages and endless billions.

One thing plain, however, is that this new revenue bill is going to represent the hardest, most intelligent, most efficient work ever put into a revenue measure, and that it will be a wholehearted effort to look out, not for the interests but for just one big interest, which is Uncle Sam's interest, and that means you in the final analysis.

In fact, every thing means you now in this country, and the doleful Jermies who used to wait that America needed waiting up have at last wakened themselves and have ceased for some time to advance remarks. They thought that America must be asleep because it didn't tear its hair, but even they have learned that America's way of being awake is to keep its hair and overalls on.

Nation Firm for Bill
One thing sure about the Revenue Bill is that the country as a whole is not only willing to be taxed, but wants taxes put on to the limit of the need and a little over.

Though nothing has been said, it seems certain that when Director General McAdoo advocated minimum taxation of war profits after his trip through the country he expressed what he found was the sense of the American people, to pay as much of the war cost as possible by taxation.

The Revenue Bill is before the House this week and, no matter what changes may be made before its final passage, the basic, permanent principle and effect of the final measure will be to make war business and war profits and war incomes pay to the limit of fairness and wisdom.

2,500 GET COMMISSIONS

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
AMERICA, Sept. 5.—Twenty-five hundred men received commissions at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, in the Field Artillery Central Officers' Training School. This is a bigger graduation of officers than was turned out from West Point in 85 years, from 1802 to 1887.

The 2,500 included men from every State in the Union. Among them were 35 Negro graduates.

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Jaw Hospital at Work
In addition, the first jaw hospital of the A.E.F. has been established at American Red Cross Hospital No. 1, Paris. This has as yet handled only a few cases, for after receiving the first phase of the treatment, the patients are to be evacuated to base hospitals in the S.O.S. area.

The dental service is now endeavoring to supply a sufficient number of teams for all of these hospitals, especially for the "head hospital" at Vichy, which is to be the first really big jaw center of the A.E.F.

An Army post-graduate school in dental surgery has also been established, the student officers being particularly instructed in the latest scientific methods of handling jaw injuries. The first of the dental laboratories has been started at the First Corps Depot Division headquarters so that men sent back through that station for reclassification will leave it with a clean bill of health—teeth all attended to and able to chew the hardest hardtack and monkey-meat that may be offered them on their return to the line.

Finally, a central research laboratory is planned for the development of the science of military dental surgery.

WOMEN TYPISTS SOUGHT
[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
AMERICA, Sept. 5.—The Government is wiggling now for 3,000 typists, who are needed in Government offices alone, and tired business men are thinking of chaining theirs.

Stenographers are now as scarce as other angels, and hundreds of men are trying to learn to write once more, and sorrowfully realizing that they have no goat on whom to blame their bum phraseology.

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